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THE TRUCE IS ENDED, SOUND THE BUGLE!

FOR PRESIDENT:
SAMUEL J. TILDEN,
OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT:
THOMAS A. HENDRICKS,
OF INDIANA.

FOR GOVERNOR:
WM. B. BATE,
OF DAVIDSON.

COUNTY TICKET.
FOR SHERIFF:
ED. H. HARR.
FOR TRUSTEE:
J. C. ROBERTSON.

The soldier with the armless sleeve had to take a back seat in the Republican National Convention at Chicago. The bloody shirt sleeve of Powell Clayton was humiliated, the black flag was hoisted and Lynch law resorted to by the great party of principle.

The great anti Tilden, anti Hendricks, anti Bate, anti Democratic anti Helm is withal the sweetest old soul that ever wore a cap. Her wit is excruciating the substance of her last article on the Taylor & Co. Comet is "go up old hold head," ya, he, hoo, ha, our waistbands split, the buttons are all busted off, O, ho, ha, ho, score another for granny. Ta, ta, auntie, be virtuous and you'll be happy.

Harr and Robertson.

Today we hoist the names of these two men at our mast head. They have been tried and found worthy. No man in Washington County is better qualified for Sheriff than Mr. Harr. His personal character is without blemish; his energy in business is well known to be remarkable; for push and snap and grit, he will rival any man in Washington County. Let the people throw aside their prejudices and elect men to office upon whom there is no reproach. Robertson is just as good as Harr, and his friends can work for him in this campaign with the consciousness that if elected the party will be honored and the interests of the people in safe hands. Then sound the bugle, fall into line, forward march. Let every man do his duty.

The Comet has no personal war to make on Grisham and Mathes.

Democratic Executive Committee for Washington County.

1 Dist., J. M. Stenton; 2, M. R. Maples; 3, B. N. Mathes; 4, J. B. Brown; 5, E. J. McClure; 6, N. V. Gammon; 7, T. M. Wells; 8, D. J. Fine; 9, W. H. Taylor; 10, W. St. John and J. J. Adams; 11, W. R. Reeves; 12, J. B. Bowman and Dr. James Kirkpatrick; 13, J. P. Jobe; 14, E. C. Kincheol; 15, Joseph Wilcox; 16, John Allison; 17, E. McLin and A. S. Deadrick; 18, J. D. Lyons; 19, John Morrow.

H. H. CARR,
Ch. Ex. Com. Dem. Com.
Johnson City, June 3d, 1884.

The members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Washington County are hereby requested to meet in Jonesboro on Monday the 9th day of June. We hope every member will be present as business of special importance will come before the Committee. Come all.

H. H. CARR,
Ch. Ex. Com. of Washington Co.
Johnson City, June 3, 1884.

The first act of the great Chicago convention was to set down upon the committee's choice for temporary chairman, the Hon. Powell Clayton, of Arkansas, a gentleman with an empty sleeve worn as a badge of honor for defense of the nation twenty years ago. If the sleeve had been emptied in the ranks with Mahone, Longstreet or Mosby, the probabilities are it would have proven a more significant if not more honorable symbol in determining the gallant Arkansian's success.—*Knoxville Tribune.*

Mr. Tilden and the Tariff.

Mr. Tilden does not want and will not accept the Presidential nomination at the hands of the Democratic party; but his record on the tariff question is straightforward and clear. Twenty-nine years ago the New York statesman was a candidate for office upon the Democratic ticket in his own State, and on October 3, 1855, in a letter upon the principles and politics of the Democratic party, he used this language:

Devoted to the rights of our American industry, which is now beginning to fill the world with the ruin of its achievements, it has refused to direct the application of a prohibitory or protective tariff, preferring that every man should judge how he can make his own labor most productive, and trusting for the aggregate result to those natural laws which enable every one of the millions of city population to daily choose his food and yet furnish buyers for everything that has been provided for his hand.

Nineteen years afterwards Mr. Tilden was a candidate for Governor of the State of New York on a platform which declared for "Revenue Reform, Federal taxation for revenue only and no Government partnership with protected monopolies." During the progress of that exciting and overwhelming

ingly successful canvass, Mr. Tilden, in response to a serenade, made a speech, in which occurred this passage:

The Federal Government is drifting into greater dangers and greater evils. It is rushing onward in a career of centralism, absorbing all governmental powers and assuming to manage all the affairs of human society. It undertakes to direct the business of individuals by tariffs not intended for legitimate taxation, granting special privileges and fostering monopolies at the expense of the people.

The Tilden of 1874 was the Tilden of 1855. The Tilden of 1884 is the Tilden of 1874 and 1855. Neither Eaton nor Randall nor Converse nor any one of the men who united with the Republicans on the Morrison bill can show a single expression of Mr. Tilden, written or spoken, in favor of a protective tariff or the principle or policy of protection.

If he were in public life or expected to again take an active part in the business of the Democratic party and the people they would not dare to attempt to excuse their traitorous conduct by the false charge that he is a Protectionist, even as they are.

The record of Samuel J. Tilden on the tariff is that of a consistent Democrat. All honor to him.—*Washington Post.*

THE WORK IN DETAIL.

A Full Report of the First Day's Proceedings of the Convention.

Chicago, June 3.—The convention was called to order at 12:25 by Senator Sabin, of Minnesota. Rev. Frank Bristol, of Chicago, offered prayer and then Chairman Sabin welcomed the delegates to the convention. He said Chicago was known as Convention City. It was the field of Republican victory. Here it was that that immortal patriot, Abraham Lincoln, was chosen; here the party chose that great chieftain, General Grant; here it nominated that honored soldier, that great statesman, that representative citizen, James A. Garfield. [Cheers.] Every action of the party on this historic ground had been followed by victory. Having succeeded against its opponents on all former occasions, it was about to put its house in order for another conflict. As a consequence of a vote adopted by the last convention the present body is largely made up of men instructed by their own constituents and it was therefore to be hoped that the voice of the people would be largely present in its deliberations. [Applause.] "In conclusion," he said, "at the request of the National Republican committee I have to propose to you as temporary chairman of this convention the Hon. Powell Clayton, of Arkansas." [Loud applause.]

LYNCH PUT UP AGAINST CLAYTON.

Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts. Mr. Chairman, in accordance with the vote of the national committee and in accordance with precedent, you have presented the name of a gentleman as temporary chairman. With no view of introducing any personal contest, with no view of attempting to make any test of the votes as to the strength of the respective candidates, I have the honor to move—as it is certainly most desirable that we should recognize, as you have done, Mr. Chairman, the Republicans of the South (applause)—I therefore desire to present the name of a gentleman well known throughout the South for his conspicuous parliamentary ability, for his courage and his character. I move you, Mr. Chairman, to substitute the name of the Hon. John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, and I ask, sir, that when the voice is taken the roll may be called on that question.

A Delegate. "I second that motion."

The Chair. "Gentlemen of the convention, you hear the motion for the substitution of the name of John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, and on that motion a call of the roll is demanded."

Mr. Dutler, of New York. "Mr. Chairman, I desire to heartily second the nomination of John R. Lynch, of Mississippi, and move that the roll be called and that the delegates express their choice for either of the men presented." [Applause.]

The Chair. "The roll will be called by the secretary, and as the names are called by States the gentleman will rise in his seat and name the gentleman whom he desires to vote for as temporary chairman of this convention."

Mr. Drummond, of Maine, moved that the roll of States be called and that each State answer, and made a plea for Clayton.

Mr. Stewart, of Pennsylvania, sustained the action of the committee in the selection of Clayton in an eloquent appeal, which was greeted with long-continued applause. It was evident that the Blaine men were getting warmed up and resolved to contest every inch of ground.

Mr. Horr, of Michigan, argued that the question should be settled, not by a call of the roll, but by a call of States. Thus the convention could do in half an hour what it could not do in the other way in an hour and a half.

Mr. Prentiss, of Missouri, could not understand the object of the proposition to ignore the action of the national committee. A refusal to indorse that nomination would go forward as a stigma on a man who was to be honored as a citizen, a soldier and a statesman.

Mr. Carr, of Illinois, argued that the question to be considered was whether or not the action of the national committee had been wise, prudent and in the interest of the Republican party. If the national committee had failed in this it should be set aside, otherwise it should be sustained. Was not Mr. Clayton a fit man to preside temporarily? He was known to many of them, and they were unwilling that a stigma should be placed on his great and good name (applause) by voting against the action of the national committee. They felt that it would not be proper to go before the country to sustain the candidate of a convention whose first act had been to put down a man who carried an empty sleeve. [Applause.]

W. H. Taft, of South Carolina, advocated the nomination of Lynch, but without meaning thereby any reflection upon Mr. Clayton. As a Southern Republican he wished the election of Mr. Lynch.

Mr. Winston, of North Carolina, supposed that the action of the national committee had no more force than a mere recommendation, and, with all courtesy to the committee, he would say that he preferred somebody else. [Applause.] He honored Mr. Clayton for having served under the national flag, but there were eight million colored men in the country who deserved recognition at the hands of the convention. Copiah and Danville appeal to the nation on their behalf and would not appeal in vain. [Applause.]

A DECISION BY THE CHAIR.

At this point the chairman said: The Chair desires to state that this matter being unexpected to him, he felt called upon to call to his assistance one of the best parliamentarians of the country and he has presented a ruling which I will now read. It is made by the chairman of the last National Republican Convention—that parliamentarian, that distinguished jurist, Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts. From this he takes the position which he feels bound to assume and maintain at this time. It reads as follows: "The Chair purposes that in the absence of any rules the method of taking the question must rest in the sound discretion of the Chair, subject of course, to the orders of the convention," etc. The chair would state this is emphatically a convention of the people and that every citizen representing a State on this floor has the undoubted right to the free expression of his opinion and the right to have that expression recorded. Therefore, after a reasonable debate in this respect, I will not assume to follow any arbitrary rules, but will give the utmost liberality and latitude to debate and will call for the roll by delegates. The gentleman from Maryland has the floor.

Mr. Green, of Maryland, made a speech for Lynch and was followed by Mr. Thurston, of Nebraska, who said if the action of the national committee was to be overturned let it not be done under a pretext which masked the real design.

Mr. Benjamin, of Arkansas, sustained the nomination of Powell Clayton as a man who had done more than any other Southern Republican to elevate the Republican cause in the South.

Taking A Vote.

The Chair then directed a call of the roll of the delegates and it began with Alabama, which voted solidly for Lynch. When the State of Arkansas was reached Mr. Roots, of that State, arose and said: "Mr. Chairman, I am authorized by the delegation from Arkansas, thirteen of whom are present, General Powell Clayton being absent, to say that they cast the thirteen votes of the delegation for Powell Clayton."

There were loud calls for the roll. The Chair directed the secretary to finish the reading of the roll.

When the name of Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana, was called Mr. Thompson, of Indiana, said: "The delegate who represents at large the State of Indiana, in place of General Harrison, is Mr. John H. Roelker. General Harrison will not be here. Shall his name be called?"

The chairman. "Mr. Roelker's name will be called."

When the name of George F. Hoar of Mass., was called there was tremendous applause. He voted for Lynch. General Mahone's name headed the list of Virginia delegates, and as the secretary called upon him to record his vote, and the little Readjuster stood up to speak, a great yell went up all over the house and the colored delegates waved their hats and handkerchiefs frantically. Senator Mahone announced his vote for John R. Lynch and another boisterous demonstration was made, extending from the rear of the platform to the farthest corner of the gallery.

When the roll-call was ended General Clayton raised in his place. He said: "Mr. Chairman, when the vote of Arkansas was called I was absent from my seat and my vote was not recorded. I desire to cast my vote now for Mr. Lynch. [Applause.]

The secretary. The result of the vote is: John R. Lynch, 431 votes. John R. Lynch has received a majority of the vote cast. [Loud and long-continued applause.] Voices. "The vote! the vote! the vote!"

The Chair. The whole number of votes cast is 818, of which General Clayton has 387 and John R. Lynch 431. John R. Lynch has received a majority of the votes cast and is hereby declared the nominee.

General Clayton. I move to make the election of John R. Lynch unani-

mous. The Chair. It is moved by General Clayton, of Arkansas, that the nomination of John R. Lynch as temporary chairman of this convention be made unanimous. All in favor of that motion will say "Aye." [Loud response of "Aye."] Contrary, "No." (with not a single response). John R. is temporary chairman. The Chair would appoint as a committee to escort Mr. Lynch to the platform General Powell Clayton, of Arkansas; Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Henry Taft, of South Carolina. The gentlemen will please await upon Mr. Lynch to the platform.

As the committee appeared the applause was hearty and the feeling of disappointment seemed to disappear. Mr. Lynch made a good impression by his quiet and modest demeanor. The chairman said that he had the honor and great pleasure of presenting to the convention as its temporary chairman the Hon. John R. Lynch, of Mississippi. [Cheers.] Mr. Lynch, in taking the chair, said:

Gentlemen of the convention, I feel that I ought not to say that I thank you for the distinguished honor that you have conferred upon me, for I do not. Nevertheless, from the standpoint that no patriot should fail to respond to his country's call and that no loyal member of his party should fail to comply with the demand of his party, I yield with reluctance to your decision and assume the duties of the position to which you have assigned me. Every member of this convention who approached me on this subject within the last few hours knows that this position was neither expected nor desired by me. If, therefore, there is any such thing as a man having honors thrust upon him, you have an exemplification of it in this instance. [Laughter and applause.] I came to this convention not for the purpose of securing the defeat of any man or the success of any man, but for the purpose of contributing (to the extent of my vote and my influence) to make Republican success in November next an assured fact. [Cheers.] I hope and believe that the assembled wisdom of the Republican party of the nation, through its chosen representatives in this hall, will so shape its platform and will present such candidates before the American people as will make that victory beyond a shadow of a doubt. So far as the candidates for the Presidential nomination are concerned I do not wish any gentleman to feel that my election (by your vote) is indicative of anything relative to the preference of one candidate over another. I am prepared, and I hope that every member of this convention is prepared, to return to his home with an unmistakable determination to give to candidates of this convention a loyal and hearty support, whoever they may be. [Cheers.] I am satisfied in my own mind that when we go before the people of this country our action will be ratified, because the great heart of the American people will never consent to have a political party gain the ascendancy in this government whose chief reliance is upon a fraudulent ballot and on violence at the polls. [Applause.] I am satisfied that the people of this country are too loyal ever to allow a man to be inaugurated as President whose title to the position is bought and sold in fraud. I am satisfied that the American people will ratify our action, because they will never consent to have a revenue system for the government other than one that will not only raise the necessary revenue for its support, but will also be sufficient to protect every American citizen in his business. [Cheers.] Gentlemen, not for myself, but perhaps in obedience to custom, I thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow. After the adjournment the Chair stated that the committee on rules and the committee on credentials would meet in the hall and the committees proceeded to the work in hand.

SECOND DAY.

June 4.—An effort was made to bring Gen. Wm. T. Sherman into the field, but the general telegraphed ex-Senator Henderson, saying he would not accept the nomination if offered, or serve if nominated. Everything is at sea. John B. Henderson, the permanent Chairman elect, was conducted to the platform by Galusha A. Grow of Pennsylvania, Geo. F. Hoar of Massachusetts, and Geo. B. Williams of Indiana. When applause subsided Henderson spoke as follows:

Gentlemen of the Convention. We have assembled to survey the past history of the party—to rejoice as we may because of the good it has done; to correct its errors, if errors there be. To discover, if possible, the wants of the present and, with patriotic firmness provide for the future.

Our past history is Union preserved; slavery abolished, and its former victims equally and honorably by our sides in this convention. Public faith maintained, unbounded credit at home and abroad; currency convertible into coin, and the pulses of industry throbbing with renewed health and vigor in every section of our prosperous and peaceful country. These are the fruits of the triumphs over adverse policies gained in the military and civil conflicts of the last twenty-four years. Out of these conflicts has come a race of heroes and statesmen—challenging confidence and love at home, respect and admiration abroad.

And now when we have come to se-

lect our standard-bearer for the approaching conflict, our chief embarrassment is not in the want, but in the abundance of Presidential material. New York has her true and tried statesman, upon whose administration the fierce and even unfriendly light of public scrutiny has been turned and the universal verdict is "well done, thou good and faithful servant." Vermont has her great statesman, whose mind is as clear as the crystal springs of his native State, and whose virtue as firm as its granite hills. Ohio can come with a name whose history is historic of the Republican party itself. Illinois comes with one who never failed in the discharge of a public duty—whether in the council chamber or on the battle field. Maine has her own honored favorite, whose splendid abilities and personal qualities have endeared him to the hearts of his friends, and the brilliancy of whose genius challenges the admiration of all. Connecticut and Indiana may come with names scarcely less illustrious than these. And now, in conclusion, if, because of personal disagreements or the emergencies of the occasion, another name is sought, there remains that great old hero of Kenesaw Mountain and Atlanta; where patriotism calls, he cannot, if he would, be silent; but grasping that banner, to him so dear, which he has already borne in triumph, he will march to civic victory, no less renowned than those of war.

I thank you, gentlemen, for this distinguished mark of your confidence.

The allusions to Arthur, Sherman, Edmunds and Logan were heartily applauded, but when Blaine was alluded to as a man whose splendid abilities and personal qualities had endeared him to the hearts of his friends, and whose brilliancy of genius challenged the admiration of mankind, a storm of applause broke out on the stage, floor and galleries. Men stood up, and waving their hats and handkerchiefs, cheered again and again. Women also took part in the demonstration and waved their fans and handkerchiefs.

THIRD DAY.

Nothing definite. Telegrams say all is confusion. It is thought a dark horse will carry off the palm.

Democratic Convention.

At a meeting of the Democracy of Carter County Tennessee the following proceedings were had to wit:

The convention was called to order by Dr. E. E. Hunter. On motion Mr. Geo. D. Taylor was elected permanent chairman and Nat E. Hyder Sec. On motion J. P. Scott, Jno. Bayless and H. M. Renfro were appointed a Committee to select a list of delegates to attend the Democratic convention which meets in the city of Nashville June 18, 1884. Reported the following: W. P. Blackwell, J. P. Scott, James Smith, Geo. D. Taylor, Jno. W. Cameron, Wm. Shell, Jr., H. M. Folsom, H. M. Renfro, L. H. Rudy, Jas. Renfro, R. W. Smalling, Lewis Persinger, John Hughes, Jeff Greenlee and Jno. Goins. The report was adopted, on motion the Secretary was added to the above list of delegates.

Dr. E. E. Hunter offered the following resolution which was adopted: Resolved that the delegates from this convention or their proxy are hereby instructed to cast the vote of Carter County for Hon. Wm. B. Bate for Governor and Hon. R. L. Taylor for senator State at Large and Hon. I. G. Harris and H. H. Ingersoll as delegates for the State at large to the Chicago convention which meets July 8th 1884.

Nat E. Hyder offered the following: Resolved that in the event none of the delegates appointed attend the Convention that John Allison or Robt Burrow of Washington Co. are hereby empowered to cast the vote of Carter County in said Convention as above instructed.

On motion of J. W. Cameron ordered that we furnish the proceedings of this convention to the "Comet" for publication on motion the convention adjourned sine die.

Geo. D. TAYLOR, Chrm.
NAT E. HYDER, Sec.

Piney Flats.

EDITORS COMET:—News at this time is a little like corn, rather scarce, but occasionally the scene changes, and there is a ripple of excitement. On Friday last there was a difficulty between one Benj. Blevins and John B. Smith. It appears that Smith's animal (whose ears are noted for their longitudinal dimensions) was trespassing on Blevins' wheat-field, he proceeded to turn the animal out on the commons, and about the time he had succeeded, Smith came up and protested against having his stock turned in the road. Sharp words followed, and B. who was laboring under a paroxysm of tooth-ache, could bare nothing more, so he proceeded to administer S. a sound thrashing. The united exclamation was: "Well done good and faithful servant." W. R. Shell is done planting corn, and expects to finish planting potatoes the longest day in this month. Esq. Hall's daughter is slowly improving. You may speak of improvements of your interesting city, but for quantity and quality Mrs. George P. Paw makes the finest butter and cheese we have seen since we left grandma's hearthstone in the blue grass fields of old Va. We are informed Mr. Jas. N. Arrants has

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The House Thursday adopted Phil Thompson's amendments on Internal Revenue, and custom collection Districts. The new law will muster out 1200 useless office holders and reduce expense of collecting the Revenue \$3,000,000 per annum.